



# DART Initial Acoustic Testing 2017

## Operational Summary

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Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate  
Advanced Air Vehicles Program

Advanced Air Transport Technology Project  
Aircraft Noise Reduction Technical Challenge

# Background

The AATT project funded the procurement of the Price Induction DGEN380 turbofan engine. This engine is a small turbofan that is representative, for research purposes, of larger, more modern turbofan engines. The DGEN380 produces about 500 lbs. of thrust, is approximately 16" outer diameter, and 48" long.

Price Induction provided a turnkey solution where-by the engine, test stand, electronics, and controls are provided. NASA provided the integration to the facility and external support required to safely run an engine.

To take advantage of the small, self-contained, nature of the DART, it was designed to be completely mobile. Initial operation is in the Aero-Acoustic Propulsion Laboratory (AAPL) with Plum Brook station an early semi-permanent alternative location along with potential operation in the 9x15 and 14x22 Wind Tunnels.

# DGEN380 Turbofan Engine

2 spool, geared fan (3.32 ratio), unmixed, separate flow exhaust

Centrifugal compressor, LP turbine (43,000 rpm), HP turbine (52,000 rpm)

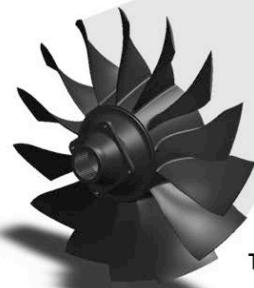
14 inch diameter fan, 14 fan blades (13,000 rpm)

Thrust 560 lbf, 6.8 BPR, 1.2 FPR, 5.3 OPR, 28.7 lb/s

Inlet mass flow,  $V_{tip}$  = 785 fps subsonic tip speed

## GEARED-DOWN FAN

Wide cord blades  
casted fan



14 blades



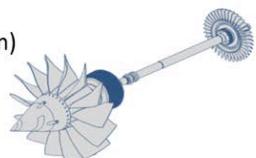
Epicyclical Gearbox with  
rafters



Ratio: 3.32

The Low Pressure Spool consists of:

- LP turbine and LP shaft (43'000 rpm)
- Gearbox
- Fan (13'000 rpm)

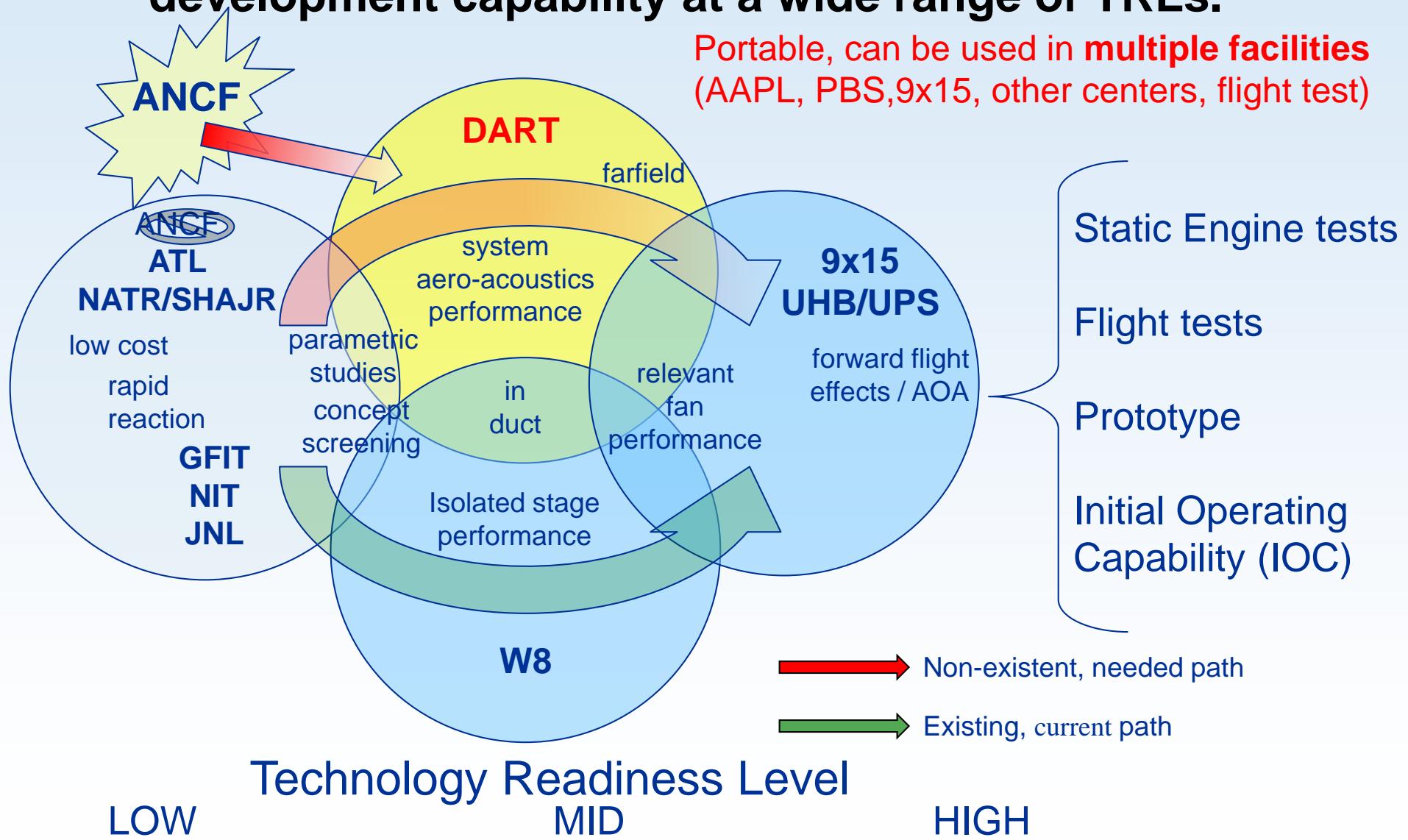


Low component count/easy disassembly  
Drawings Available



**Complements existing rigs providing technology development capability at a wide range of TRLs.**

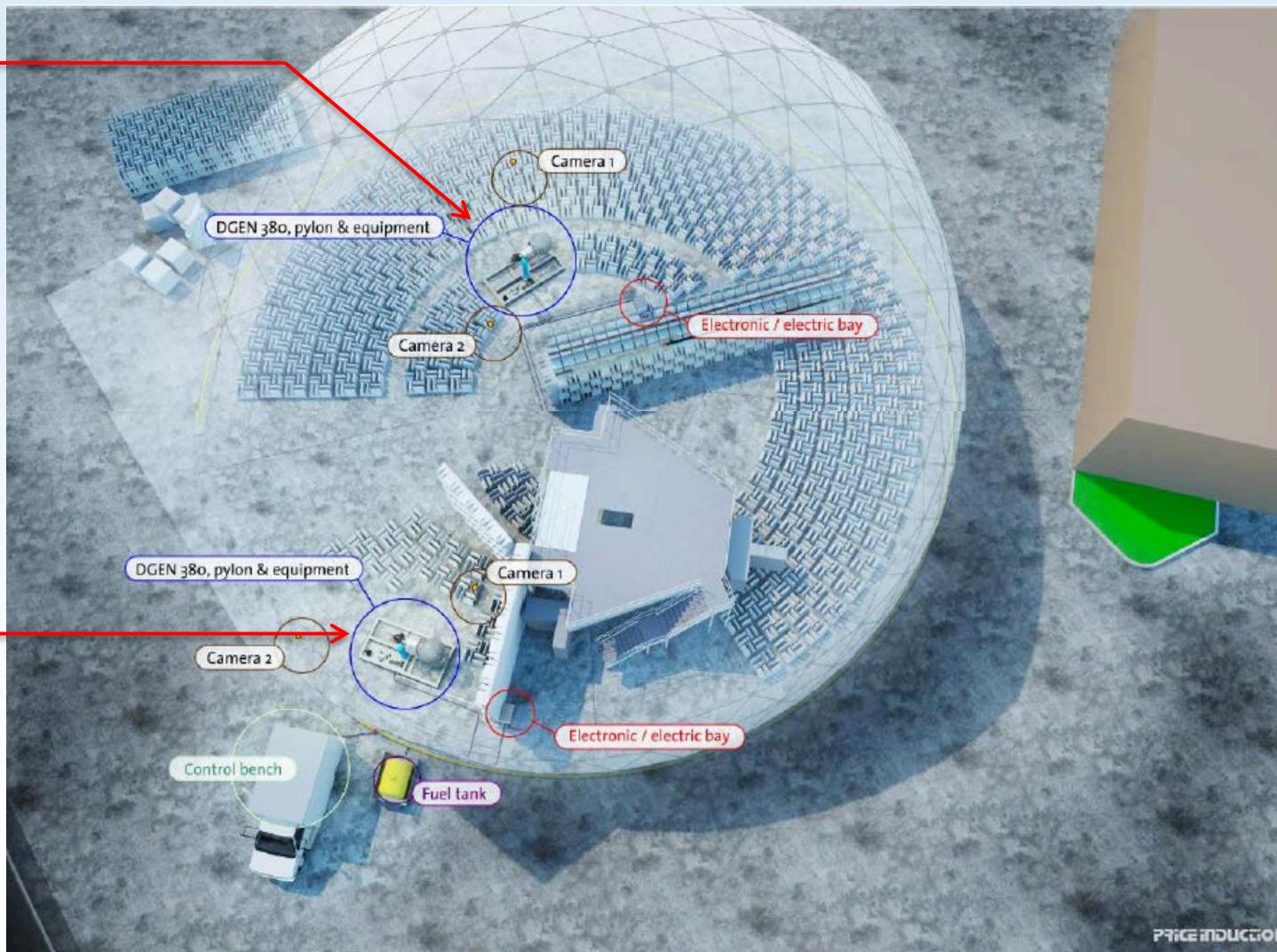
Portable, can be used in **multiple facilities**  
(AAPL, PBS, 9x15, other centers, flight test)



# DART in AAPL

## Location #2

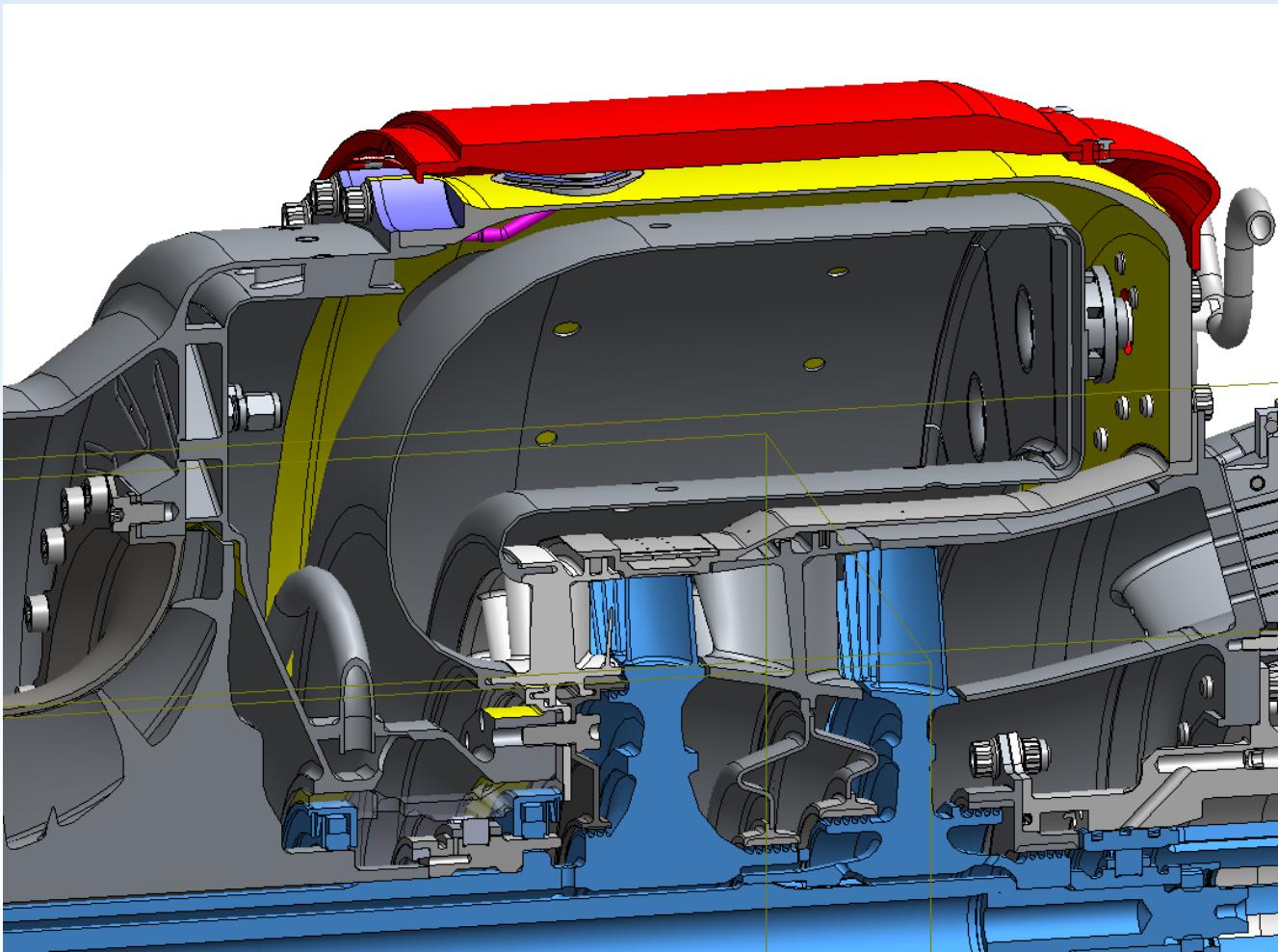
- Secondary location
- August 2017



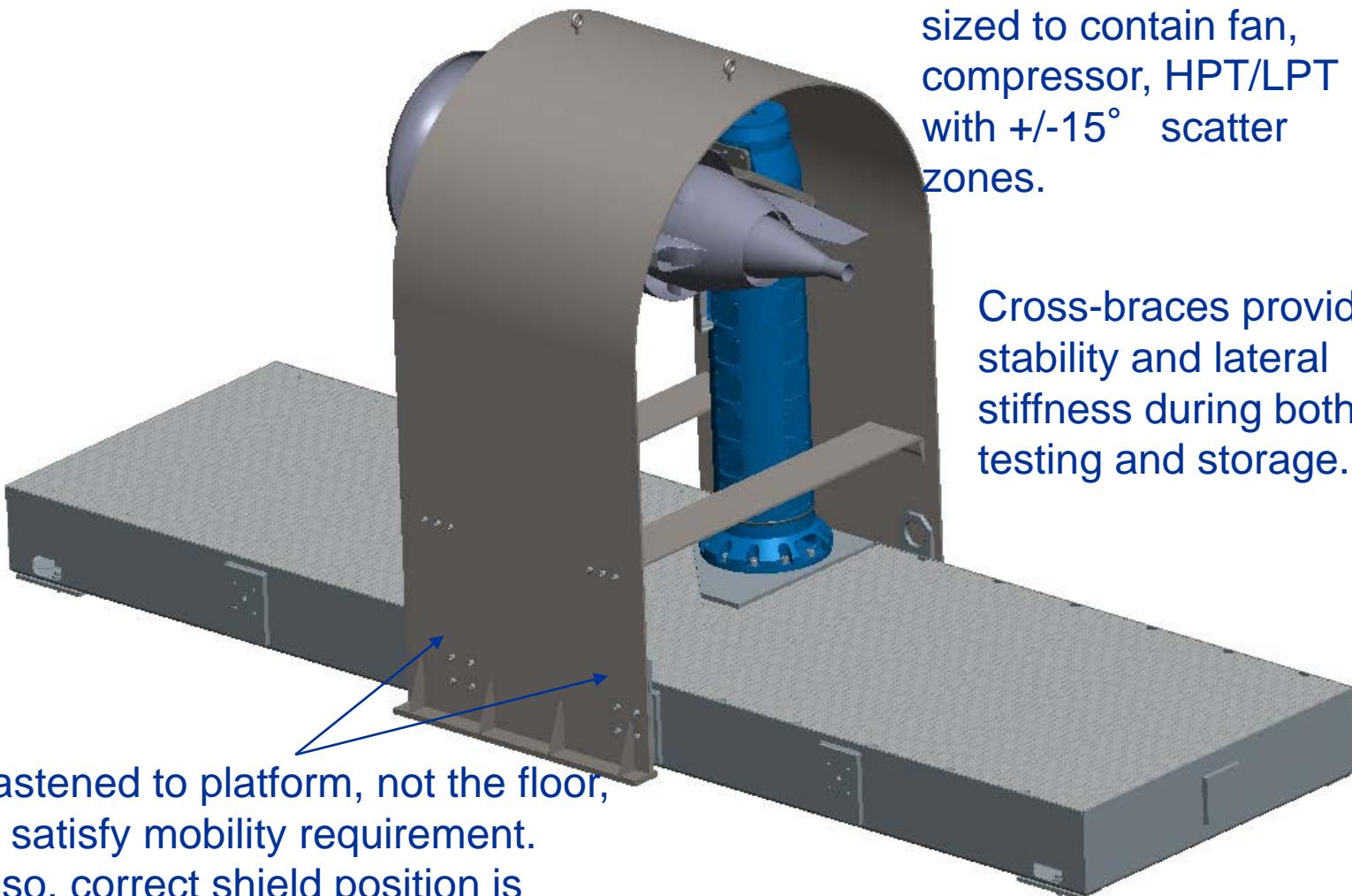
# Rotating Part Containment

- Fan casing re-designed for blade containment (hub meets safety margins).
- DGEN re-designed to withstand turbine tri-hub failure.
- The external shield was still manufactured and used for initial engine checkouts and for required use after any major modifications to the engine in the future.
- Required to use during engine performance testing or for breaking in new hardware.

# Internal Containment Shield



# External Containment Shield

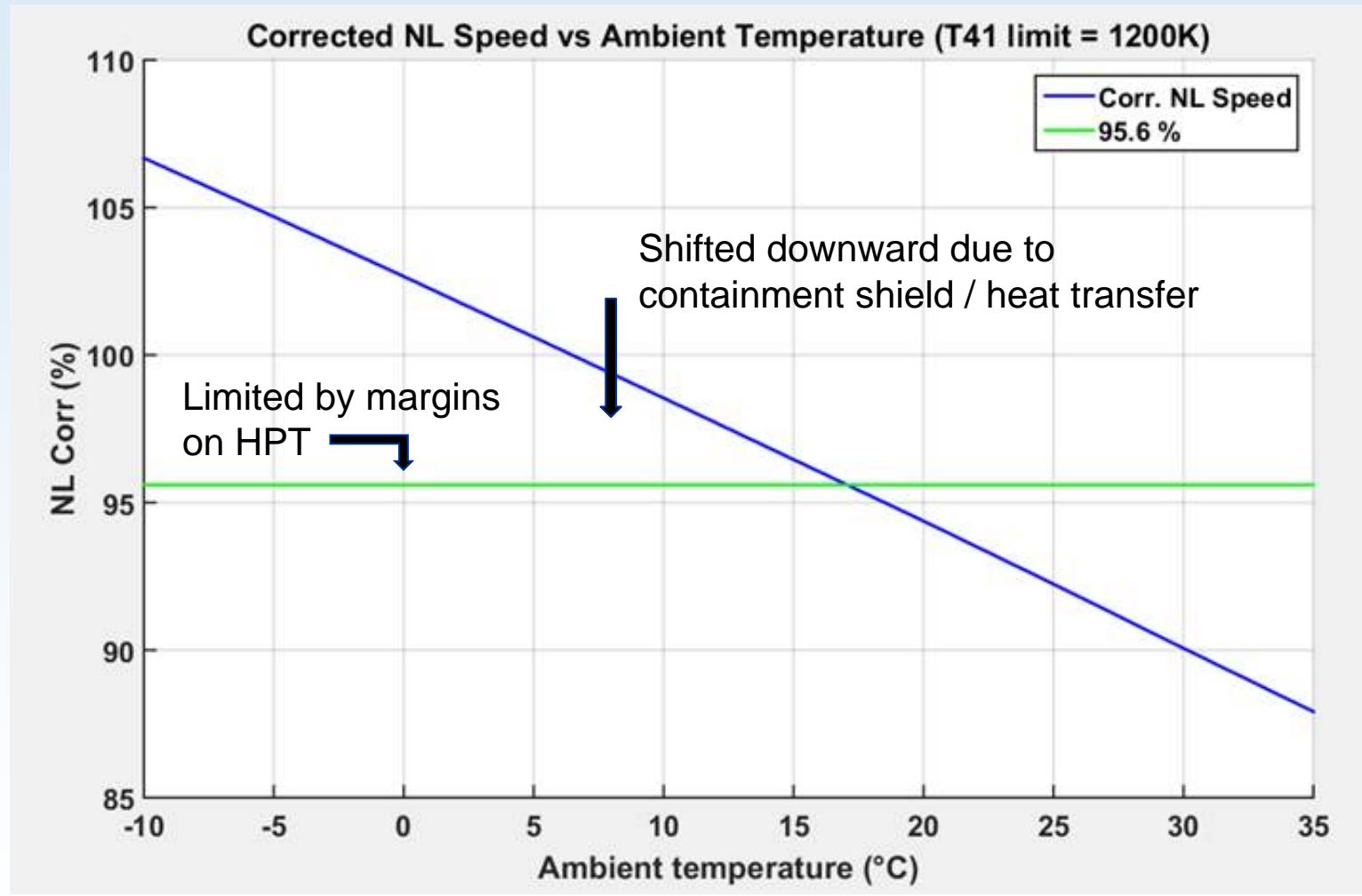


3/8" thick stainless steel,  
sized to contain fan,  
compressor, HPT/LPT  
with +/-15° scatter  
zones.

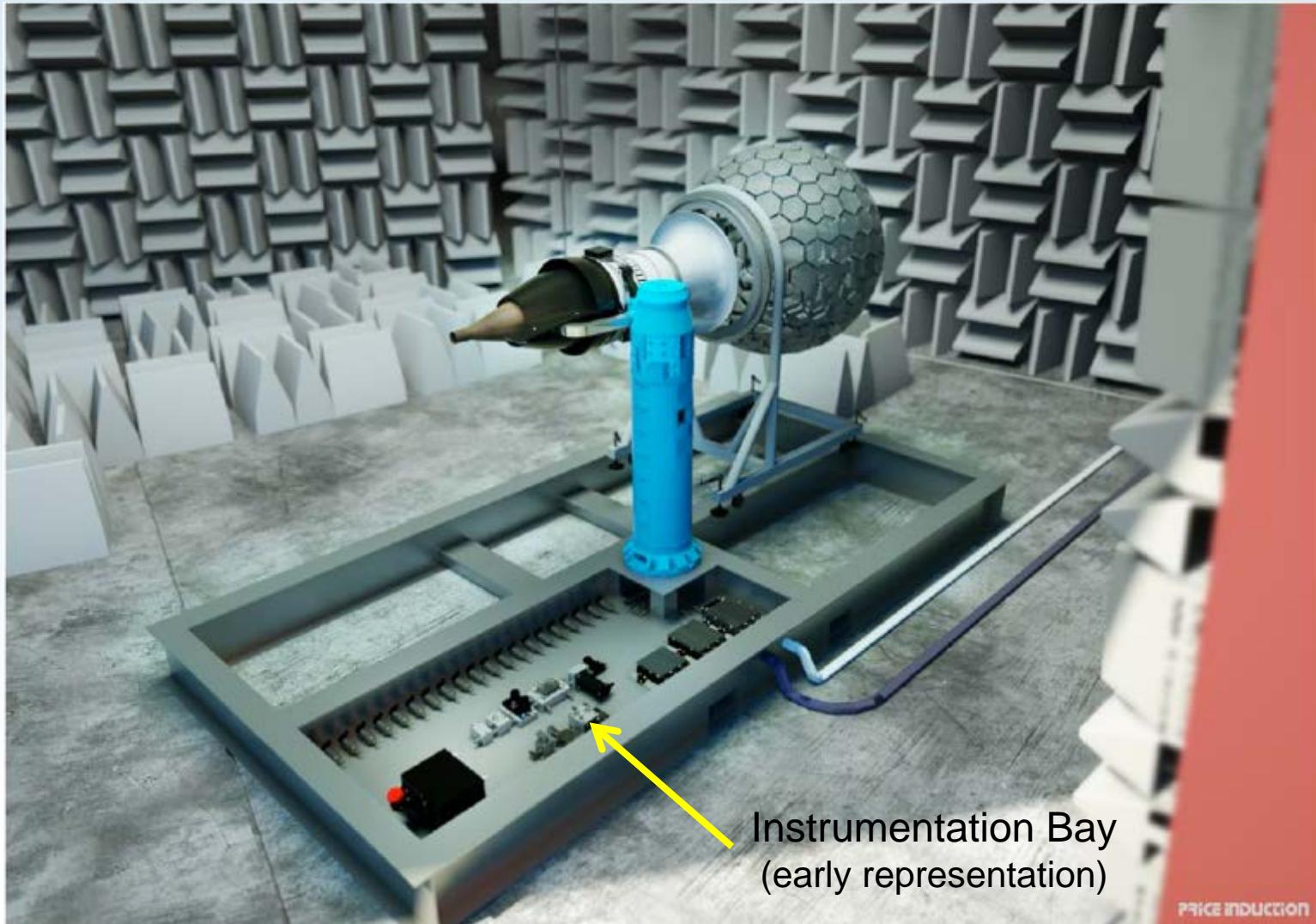
Cross-braces provide  
stability and lateral  
stiffness during both  
testing and storage.

Fastened to platform, not the floor,  
to satisfy mobility requirement.  
Also, correct shield position is  
guaranteed regardless of siting.

# Temperature Restriction

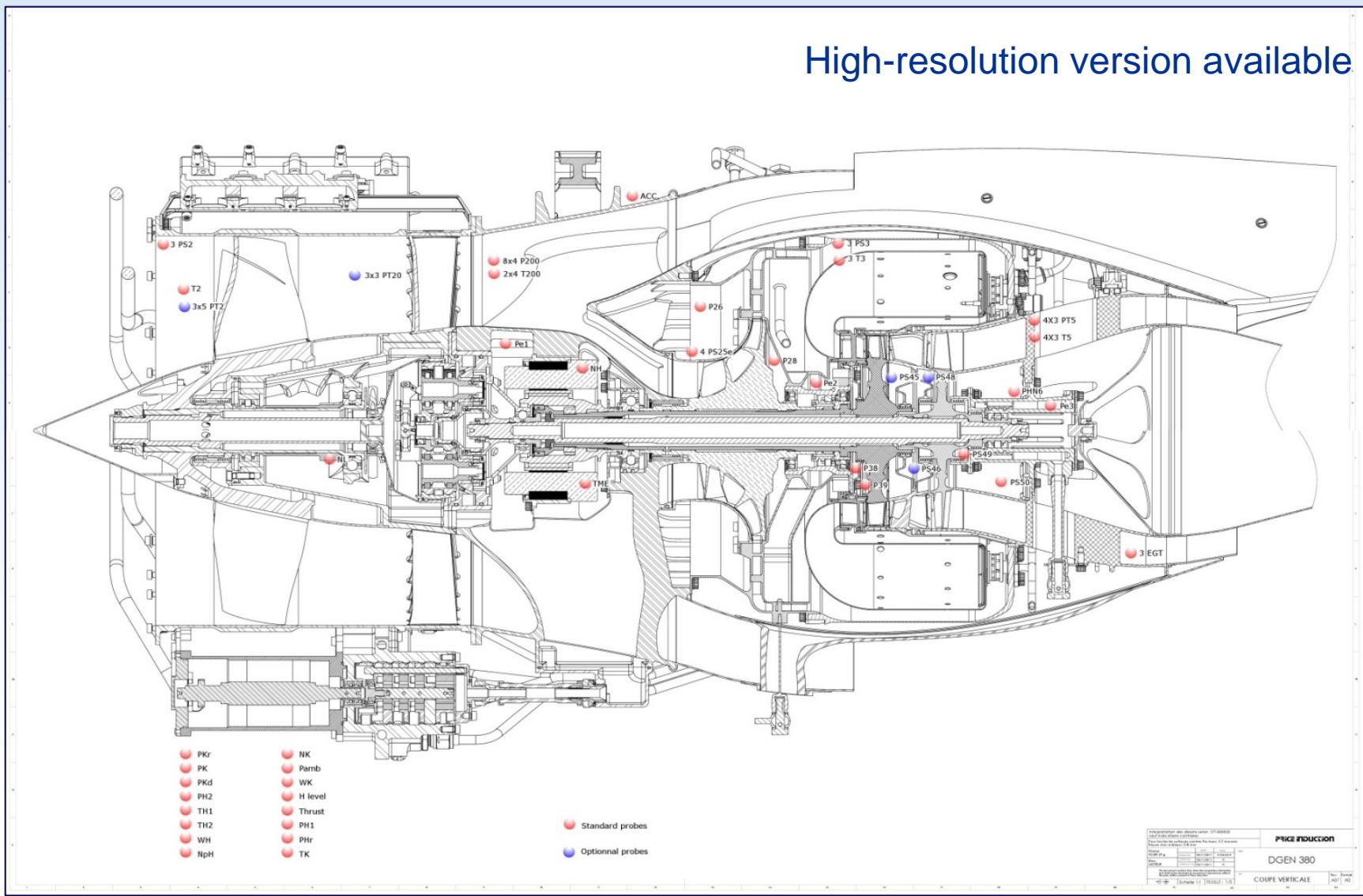


# Instrumentation



# Instrumentation Stations

High-resolution version available.



# ECU/EICAS Data Files

50 Hz update rate

Date	Main Valve
Mode	Startup Valve
NL Setpoint (rpm)	Fuel Pump Speed (rpm)
NH Setpoint (rpm)	Fuel Pressure (bar)
NL (rpm)	Fuel Temperature (° C)
NH (rpm)	Fuel Filter
P3 (bar)	Error Status
EGT (° C)	P0 (bar)
Oil Pump Speed (rpm)	DTISA (° C)
Oil Pressure (bar)	Fuel Cmd (%)
Oil Temperature (° C)	Oil Cmd (%)
Oil Filter	SG Cmd (%)
Oil Level	PLA (%)
Glow Plug Current (A)	CRANK
	ONSET FLAG

# DGEN Performance Data Files

## 1 Hz or 50 Hz update options

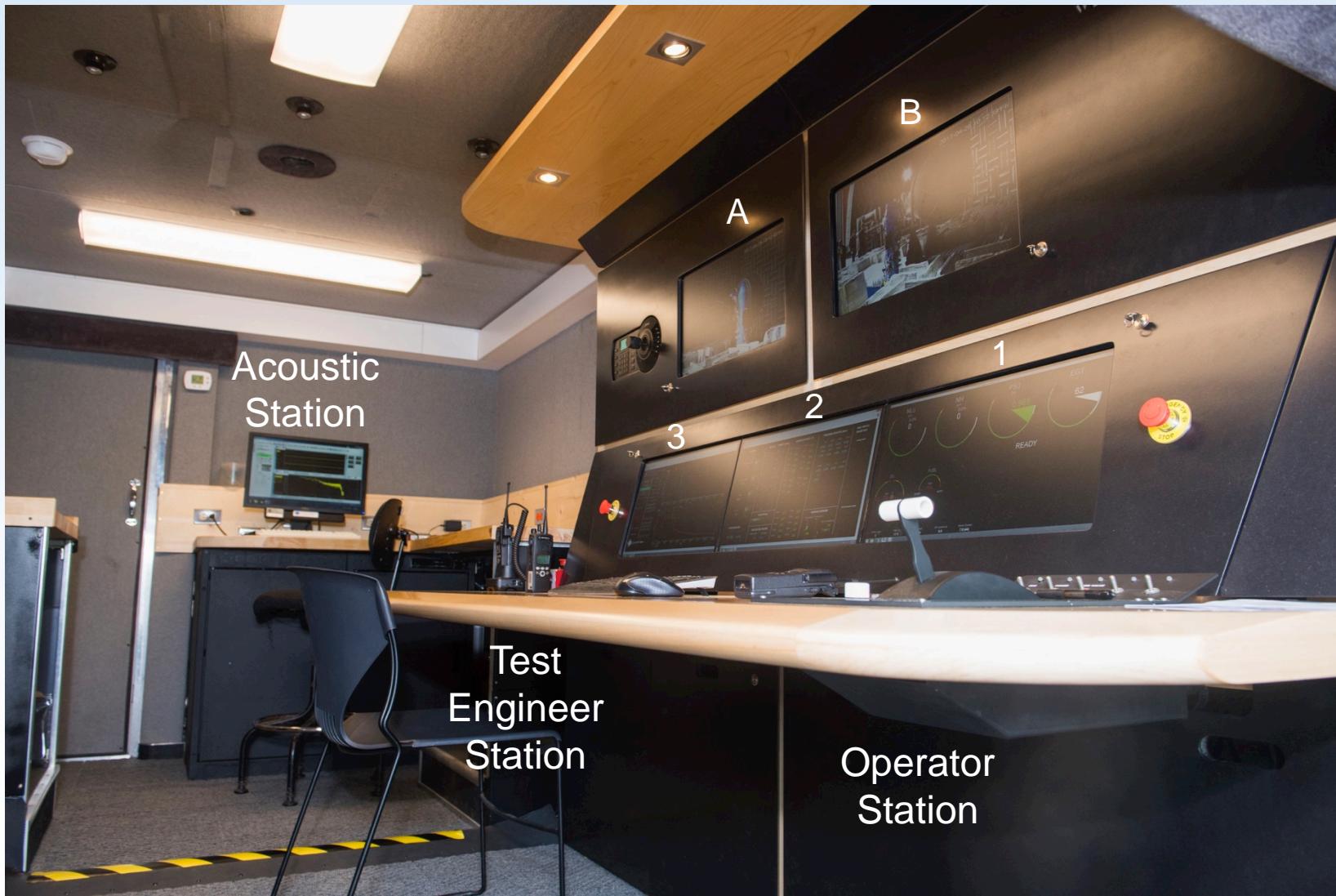
T5-1-1	TC15	TC30	Pboost	V26	T Oil	NH set
T5-1-2	TC16	TC31	PS2	V27	Fuel pump speed	NL set
T5-1-3	TC17	ACC	P200-1	V28	Oil pump speed	Protection_status
T5-1-4	TC18	THRUST	P200-2	V29	Start button	<b>PAM</b>
T5-2-1	TC19	FUEL FLOW	P200-3	V30	Crank button	<b>TAM</b>
T5-2-2	T200-1	TBAY	P200-4	V31	Glow plug	Oil Cmd
T5-2-3	T200-2	<b>TAM EXT</b>	P200-5	NH	Fuel main valve	Fuel Cmd
T5-2-4	T200-3	<b>HUMIDITY EXT</b>	P200-6	NL	Fuel start valve	GP current
T5-3-1	T200-4	V6	P200-7	PLA	Fuel filter	T Fuel
T5-3-2	T200-5	V7	P200-8	EGT	Oil filter	T41
T5-3-3	T200-6	V8	P5-1	PS3	On Setpoint Indicator	W32
T5-3-4	T200-7	V9	P5-2	PH	Low Oil Level	Fuel Total
T3-1	T200-8	V10	P5-3	PK	Eicas Mode	NFAN Cor
T3-2	T200-9	V11	P5-4			
T3-3	T200-10					

# TRUCK – Research/Operator Station

Turbofan Research Utilization & Control Kennel



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# Automated FADEC Sweep

STND FADEC Sweep:

30/60/120 sec avail

Point	RPMc (%) (orig)	RPMc(%) (updated)
1	idle	idle
2	50.0%	50.0%
3	60.0%	60.0%
4	70.0%	70.0%
5	80.0%	80.0%
6	90.0%	90.0%
7	92.5%	92.5%
8	95.6%*	95.6%*
9	50.0%	50.0%
10	95.6%*	<b>92.5%</b>
11	idle	idle

required for engine settling

Replaced repeat point

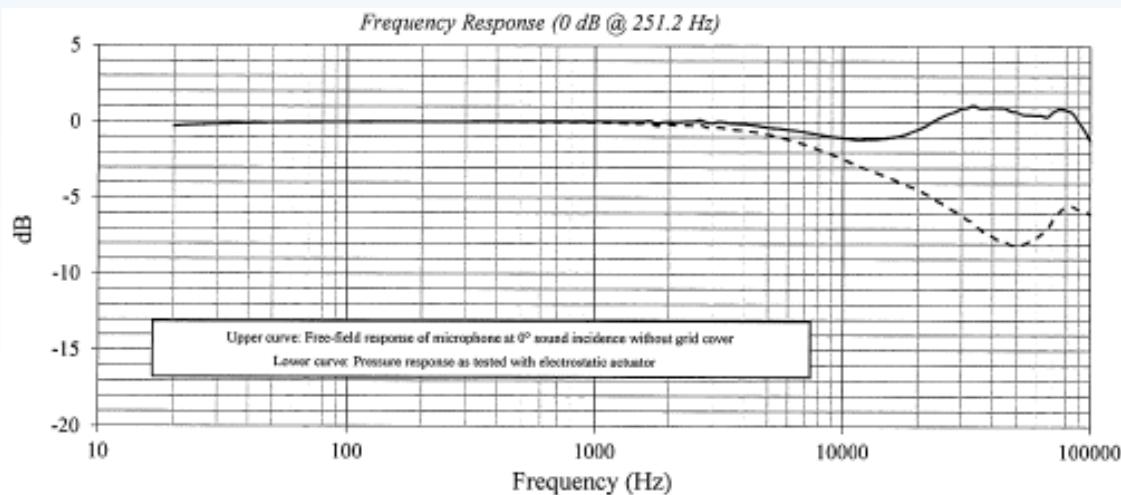
\*safety restrictions limit max  
achievable speed with temp  
Lesson learned!

# Automated Data Acquisition



Verified self-contained data acquisition systems for in-house and remote site acoustic testing.

- Analysis and processing displays for real-time monitoring (FFTs, RMS, etc)
- 64 analog + 16 DIO channels :
  - 250 KS/sec ,24-bit (20 mV – 40 V auto range)
- Integrated filters (Bessel, Elliptic, Butterworth, Bandpass)
- TEDS instrumentation / power supply
- External/synchronous sampling
- Single-unit : Portable (daisy-chainable)
- Reporting summaries of settings / calculated values (PDF/Excel/Word)



# Consolidated Run Log

**Baseline / 88" Linear Array RHS / Thrust Lock-out / 30 Sec  
 Standard Sweep / DART\_ARRAY\_FF\_2017-**

ICONF IG	Desc	RPMc (%)	Nf-act (rpm)	NRF	RUN	#	PT	#	TIME	TAM EXT (° C)	HUMID ITY (%)	NH (rpm)	NL (rpm)	PAM (bars)	TAM (° C)	NFAN Cor (rpm)
10001	0	0	0	10	10	1			6:51	19.33	70.88	0	0	0.993	23.10	0
11001	1	32.6%	4,410	11	11	1			6:56	19.33	70.88	27,141	14,644	0.993	23.10	4,350
11002	2	50.0%	6,664	"	"	2			6:56	19.18	71.28	36,271	22,126	0.993	22.99	6,574
11003	3	60.0%	7,997	"	"	3			6:57	19.17	71.02	40,407	26,547	0.993	22.99	7,887
11004	4	70.0%	9,328	"	"	4			6:57	18.83	72.09	43,761	30,972	0.993	23.00	9,202
11005	5	80.0%	10,660	"	"	5			6:58	18.56	73.60	46,618	35,398	0.993	23.00	10,517
11006	6	90.0%	11,992	"	"	6			6:58	18.88	72.71	49,174	39,820	0.993	22.98	11,831
11007	7	92.5%	12,327	"	"	7			6:59	19.08	71.46	49,880	40,921	0.993	22.99	12,158
11008	8	92.8%	12,496	"	"	8			7:00	18.95	72.20	50,256	41,485	0.993	22.95	12,327
11009	9	50.0%	6,658	"	"	9			7:00	18.86	72.41	36,530	22,102	0.993	22.99	6,567
11010	10	92.8%	12,498	"	"	10			7:01	18.96	71.82	50,165	41,489	0.993	23.01	12,326
11011	11	32.6%	4,406	"	"	11			7:01	19.11	71.61	27,266	14,635	0.993	23.02	4,348
12001	0	0	0	12	12	1			7:13	19.33	70.88	0	0	0.993	23.10	0

# DART Operational Summary - Conclusion

Fully Integrated and Operational in AAPL  
All Design Requirements met





# QUESTIONS?

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